

COMMUNITY

Talk on bees and butterflies at garden club meeting Monday

CONWAY — March heralds the coming of spring towards the end of the month, and there is no better time for garden planning. The Mountain Garden Club's monthly meeting on Monday, March 16, at the Salyards Center for the Arts in Conway Village, will feature a presentation on a topic of great concern to all — the dramatic reduction of both bees and butterflies in the environment, and what gardeners can do to help reverse this alarming trend.

Michelle Mensinger, president of the N.H. Federation of Garden Clubs, will present "Bees and Butterflies in Our Lives" at the Salyards Center for the Arts in Conway Village. Mensinger is an area expert on native bees and

butterflies, notably the Mason bee and the monarch butterfly. She will discuss the huge population reduction of both bees and butterflies in the world environment, and explain how to choose plants to attract them. Mensinger will also discuss raising hardy mason bees and share how the simple practice of raising them can benefit the ecosystem.

Coffee and social time begins at 9:30 a.m. The presentation begins after a brief business meeting, which starts at 10 a.m. The public is welcome to attend this free program.

In case of inclement weather, visit Mountain Garden Club's website at www.mountaingardensclub.org. If cancelled, the program



Michelle Mensinger, president NH Federation of Garden Clubs, will speak at the Mountain Garden Club March 16.

will be held at the same place and time on March 23.